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2. The examiner has not found preliminary amendment A in the file, and has in two occasions called and requested a copy. No such copy has been received in the file. Applicant's response filed 2/8/2000 did not include a copy of preliminary amendment A.
3. The examiner hereby requests a copy of preliminary amendment A in the interest of advancing the prosecution. Otherwise the next office action may not be able to take preliminary amendment A into consideration.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue Lao whose telephone number is (703) 305-9657. A voice mail service is also available at this number. The fax number for this Group is (703) 305-9731.

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